

The grant, made available through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Center program, will enable this health center to provide comprehensive, quality health care services to families in the Central Valley.

**“Rural communities in California depend on access to quality, affordable health care,”** said Costa.

**“With this critical investment, the Shafter Community Health Center will be able to continue offering comprehensive primary and preventative health care services to those who need it most while enabling the center to provide additional health care services including dental care and substance abuse services.”**

Opened in December 2002, the Shafter Community Health Center operates on a year-round basis, providing a full range of primary and preventive care and supportive services to an underserved population, including migrant and seasonal farm workers.